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1. The Wismut installations in Annaberg which were in operation included the Uranus Mine located on the corner of Klein-Rueckerswelder-Strasse and Uranus-Strasse and a Frohnau Mine located at the foot of Schreckenberg. The ore mined in the Uranus Mine was loaded at the Annaberg Oberer Bahnhof and the other ore was shipped from Annaberg Unterer Bahnhof.

2. Exhausted mines in the Annaberg area included: Zeppelinschacht located at the foot of Pohlberg and one mine each in front of and behind the hospital located on the highway No 95 leading to Chemnitz.

3. The ore was packed in the mines in wooden crates and shipped away by trucks. Small quantities of ore were brought to a factory located between Rathenau-Strasse and Pestalozzi-Strasse where it was allegedly analyzed.

4. The following insignia were seen on vehicles of the Wismut AG:



and



a white circle, about 50 cm in diameter.

5. Between 24 and 27 January 1955, there was only little activity at the ore mill located near the Oberer Bahnhof in Annaberg. No intensive noise was heard, nor were any other activities observed there.

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after 10 January, ore had been sorted but had no longer been processed. No work was done at night. Every night at about 1700 hours, 25 to 30 civilians, probably engineers, left the object in the direction of the officers quarters. The installation then remained absolutely silent. The guard detail wearing black-bordered red epaulets belonged to the units stationed at Mehnert Kaserne.

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6. On 24 January, a train of 20 box cars, 2 gondola cars loaded with ore, 1 box car with timber, and 1 box car with a stove pipe, probably the car of the escort, was parked at Oberer Bahnhof near the ore mill. One car loaded with ore

was dispatched from Annaberg-Buchholz via Frankfurt/Oder to Brest-Litovsk, date of departure 24 January 1955. Six to eight guards who wore black-bordered red epaulets and carried rifles patrolled on either side of the train. The same day another train was loaded with ore from trucks

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7. On 25 January, a train composed of 21 boxcars and one flatcar, the latter being loaded with ore, was parked on a side track about 10 km south of Annaberg-Euchholz. Eight guards wearing black-bordered red epaulets and armed with rifles were seen at both sides of the train. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] this train was also dispatched from Annaberg-Euchholz via Frankfurt/Oder to Frest-Litovsk. 25X1

8. Between 23 December 1954 and 9 January 1955, there was almost no activity at the Buchholz ore mill. In the evening, only a little light was seen which apparently was made by the patrols. Light was observed only at the guard house. At night, the Object was illuminated from the outside and guarded by eight sentries wearing black-bordered red epaulets. At daytime, little activity, apparently clearing work, was seen at the loading ramp.
9. A loading station with a wooden shed, 35 to 40 x 100 to 120 meters, and 5 meters high, and railroad connection was located just southeast of Unterer Fahnhof in Annaberg east of the tracks. The entire installation was surrounded with a board fence with barbed wire top and had a special gate for motor vehicles. On 6 February, 8 boxcars were parked on the railroad connection. Soviet soldiers were posted as guards at the gate.

[redacted] (present). The report confirms previous information, according to which the ore shipments from Annaberg-Euchholz on 28 and 31 December 1954 were actually smaller than any other shipment during November, December, and January. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] The information is confirmed by the present report. During the first third of January, the shipments were once again as large as usual. 25X1

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